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FOR SECRETARY SCHLESINGER FROM AMBASSADOR BYRNE

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1. GENERAL SVERRE HAMRE, CHIEF OF MATERIEL FOR NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND CHAIRMAN OF FOUR-NATION STEERING COMMITTEE, INFORMED ME TODAY BY TELEPHONE THAT MINISTERS OF DEFENSE FROM THE FOUR COUNTRIES HAVE ACCEPTED INVITATION FROM FRENCH MOD GALLEY TO MEET IN PARIS DURING FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER TO DISCUSS AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENT.

2. HAMRE ALSO SAID THAT DEFENSE MINISTER FOSTERVOLL AND DUTCH
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DEFENSE MINISTER VREDELING (SEE PARA 2 & 3 OF REF B) ARE

FULLY AGREED ON DESIRABILITY OF SIMILAR MINITERIAL LEVEL
CONSULTATIONS WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER IN U.S. AND ASKED IF
CONSULTATIONS COULD BE SCHEDULED AFTER PARIS MEETING.

3. I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO INFORM NORWEGIANS OF
SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO SUCH A
MEETING INCLUDING, IF POSSIBLE, SUGGESTED DATES BEFORE
GENERAL HAMRE DEPARTS NORWAY TOMORROW FOR STEERING
COMMITTEE'S TRIP TO U.S. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, I
WOULD HOPE HAMRE AND EMBASSY OSLO COULD BE INFORMED OF INVITATION
TO MINISTERS DURING COURSE OF HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT.

4. IT IS OBVIOUSLY VITAL THAT WE BE IN BEST POSSIBLE
POSITION TO UNDERCUT WHAT WE MUST ASSUME WILL BE VERY
ATTRACTIVE PRESENTATION BY FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER.
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